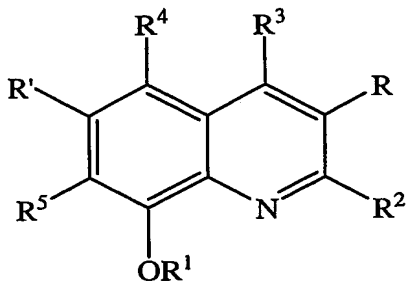
THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. A method for the treatment, amelioration and/or prophylaxis of a neurological condition which comprises the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula I:



I

in which

R^1 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted acyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, an antioxidant or a targeting moiety;

R^2 is H; optionally substituted alkyl; optionally substituted alkenyl; optionally substituted aryl; optionally substituted heterocyclyl; optionally substituted alkoxy; an antioxidant; a targeting moiety; COR^6 or CSR^6 in which R^6 is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, hydroxy, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, an antioxidant, a targeting moiety, OR^7, SR^7 or NR^7R^8 in which R^7 and R^8 are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; CN; $(CH_2)_nNR^9R^{10}$, $HCNOR^9$ or $HCNNR^9R^{10}$ in which R^9 and R^{10} are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl and n is 1 to 4; OR^{11}, SR^{11} or $NR^{11}R^{12}$ in which R^{11} and R^{12} are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl or together form optionally substituted heterocyclyl; or $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ in which R^{13} and R^{14} are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; and

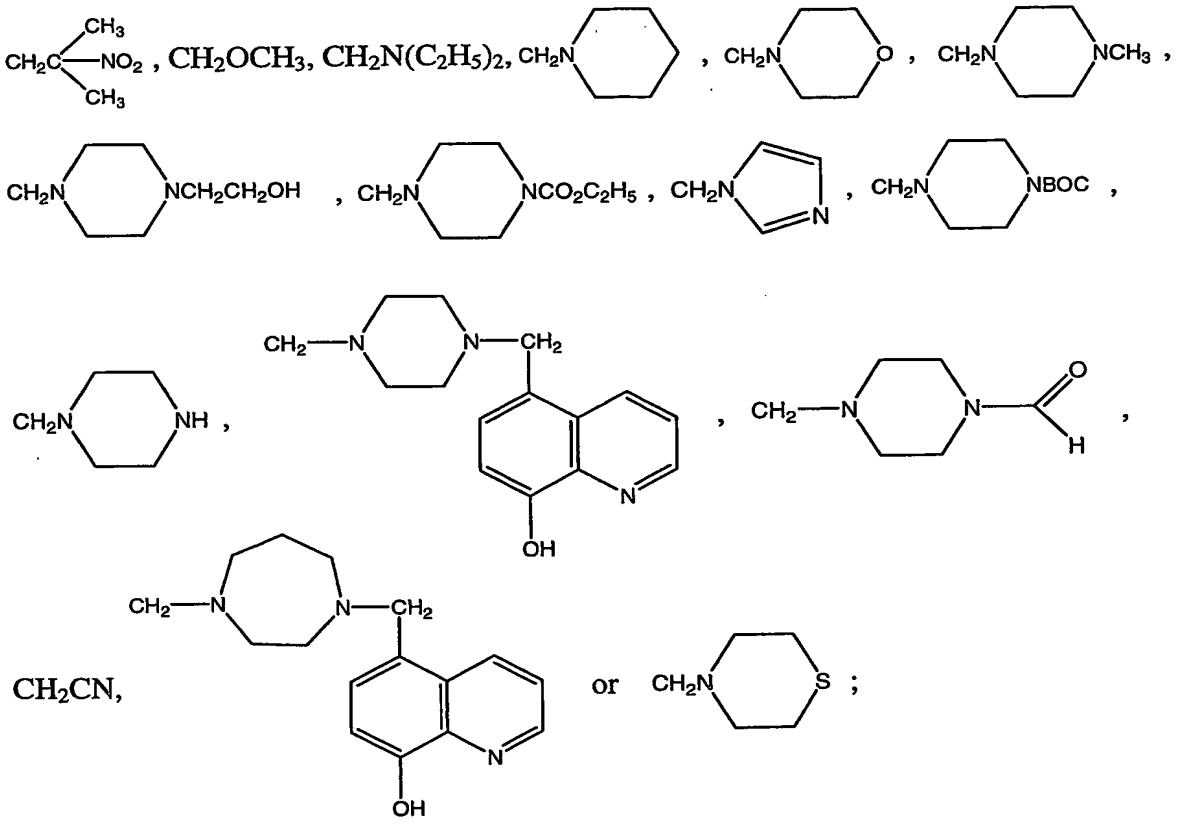
R^3, R^4, R^5, R and R' are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted acyl, hydroxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted thio,

optionally substituted sulphonyl, optionally substituted sulphinyl, optionally substituted sulphonylamino, halo, SO_3H, amine, CN, CF_3, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, an antioxidant or a targeting moiety,

salts, hydrates, solvates, derivatives, pro-drugs, tautomers and/or isomers thereof with the provisos that:

(a) when R^1 to R^3, R and R' are H, then R^4 is not Cl or I and R^5 is not I;

(b) when R^1 to R^3, R, R' and R^5 are H, then R^4 is not CHO, $CHOHCCl_3$,



(c) when R^1, R^5, R' and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^4 is not bromo, methyl, phenyl, hydroxymethyl or trifluoromethyl;

(d) when R^1, R^4, R^5 and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R' is not bromo, iodo, methyl, phenyl, propyl, phenethyl, heptyl, benzylaminomethyl, 3-aminopropyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, pyridin-3-yl, furo-2-yl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or piperidin-2-yl;

(e) when R^1, R^4, R and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^5 is not phenyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, phenethyl, 3-aminoprop-1-yl or hex-1-yl;

(f) when R^1, R^4, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R is not N-

morpholinomethyl, bromo or phenyl;

(g) when R^1, R and R ' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^4 and R^5 are not chloro;

(h) when R^1, R^4 and R ' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R and R^5 are not bromo;

(i) when R^1, R, R ' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^4 is not hydroxymethyl, phenyl or bromo;

(j) when R^1, R, R^4 and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R ' is not 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, pyridin-3-yl, benzyl, bromo, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-hydroxypropyl or 3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropyl;

(k) when R^1, R, R^4 and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^5 is not phenyl or 3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminoprop-1-yl;

(l) when R^1, R, R^4, R' and R^5 are H and R^2 is CO_2Me, then R^3 is not toluene-4-sulphonylamino, piperazin-1-yl, morpholin-1-yl, piperidin-1-yl, 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl, 3-benzoylaminoprop-1-yl, phenethyl, 3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, amino or hex-1-yl;

(m) when R^1, R^4, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Na and R^3 is OH, then R is not phenyl;

(n) when R^1, R, R^4, R' and R^5 are H and R^2 is CO_2H, then R^3 is not phenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, phenethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, amino, morpholin-1-yl, piperidin-1-yl, 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl, toluene-4-sulphonylamino, 3-benzoylaminoprop-1-yl, aminoprop-1-ynyl, hex-1-yl, 5-hydroxypent-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl or 2-(1-piperazinyl)pyrimidinyl;

(o) when R^1, R' and R are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^4 and R^5 are not chloro;

(p) when R^1, R^4, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R is not bromo;

(q) when R^1, R' and R^4 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R and R^5 are not bromo;

(r) when R^1, R, R^3, R' and R^5 are H and R^2 is CO_2H, then R^4 is not phenyl, 4-chlorophenyl or phenylethyl;

(s) when R^1, R^5, R', R^4, R^3 and R are H, then R^2 is not 2H-tetrazol-1-yl;

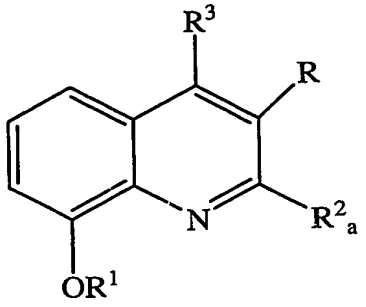
(t) when R^1, R^5, R^4 and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R' is not 3,5-dichlorophenyl or 4-fluorophenyl; and

(u) at least one of R^1 to R^5, R and R' is other than H,

to a subject in need thereof.

2. A method according to claim 1, in which the compound of the formula I is either:

(i) Formula Ia



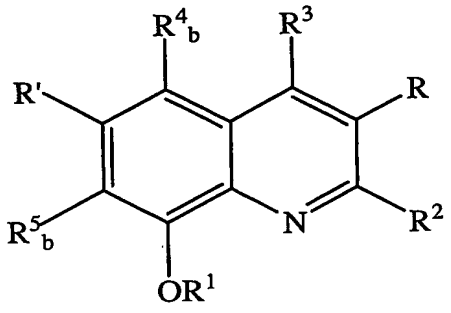
Ia

in which:

R, R^1 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1; and

$R^2{}_a$ is H; optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl; optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkenyl; optionally substituted aryl; optionally substituted heterocyclyl; an antioxidant; a targeting moiety; $COR^6{}_a$ or $CSR^6{}_a$ in which $R^6{}_a$ is H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, hydroxy, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl or $OR^7{}_a$, $SR^7{}_a$ or $NR^7{}_aR^8{}_a$ in which $R^7{}_a$ and $R^8{}_a$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; CN; $CH_2NR^9{}_aR^{10}{}_a$, $HCNOR^9{}_a$ or $HCNNR^9{}_aR^{10}$ in which $R^9{}_a$ and $R^{10}{}_a$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; $OR^{11}{}_a$, $SR^{11}{}_a$ or $NR^{11}{}_aR^{12}{}_a$ in which $R^{11}{}_a$ and $R^{12}{}_a$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl or together form optionally substituted heterocyclyl; or $SO_2NR^{13}{}_aR^{14}{}_a$ in which $R^{13}{}_a$ and $R^{14}{}_a$ are either the same or different and selected from H or optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl; or

(ii) Formula Ib



Ib

in which:

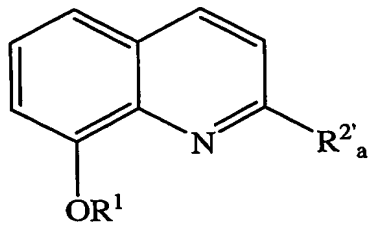
R^1, R', R, R^2 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1;

$R^4{}_b$ and $R^5{}_b$ are either the same or different and selected from H; optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl; optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl; halo; CN; CF_3; optionally substituted aryl; optionally substituted heterocyclyl; an antioxidant; a targeting moiety; SO_3H; $SO_2NR^{13}{}_aR^{14}{}_a$ in which $R^{13}{}_a$ and $R^{14}{}_a$ are as defined in formula Ia above; or $OR^{15}{}_b$, $SR^{15}{}_b$, $SO_2R^{15}{}_b$, $CONR^{15}{}_bR^{16}{}_b$ or $NR^{15}{}_bR^{16}{}_b$ in which $R^{15}{}_b$ and $R^{16}{}_b$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted C_{1-6} acyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl,

including provisos (a) to (c), (e), (g), (h), (I), (k), (o), (q), (r), and (u) as defined in claim 1.

3. A method according to claim 2, in which the compound of formula Ia is as follows:

- Formula IIa



IIa

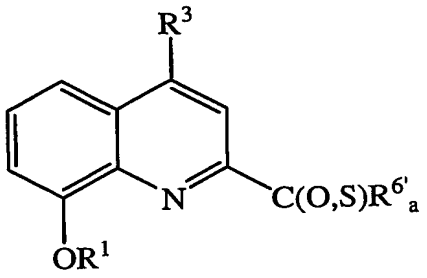
in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

$R^{2'}{}_a$ is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl,

optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

- Formula IIIa



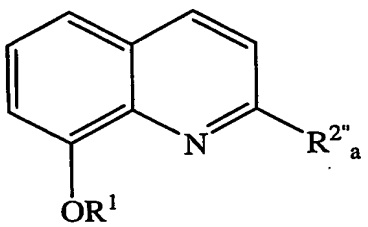
IIIa

in which:

R^1 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

$R^{6'}{}_a$ is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, hydroxy, $OR^{7'}{}_a$, $SR^{7'}{}_a$, $N_2R^{7'}{}_aR^{8'}{}_a$, or $NR^{7'}{}_aR^{8'}{}_a$ in which $R^{7'}{}_a$ and $R^{8'}{}_a$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

- Formula IVa



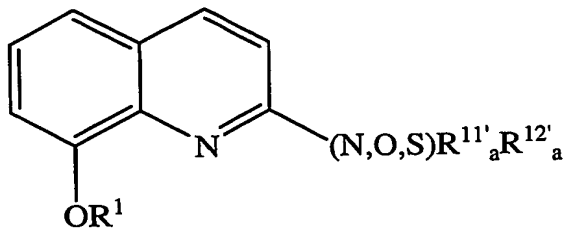
IVa

in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

$R^{2''}{}_a$ is CN; $CH_2NR^{9'}{}_aR^{10'}{}_a$, $HCNOR^{9'}{}_a$ or $HCNNR^{9'}{}_aR^{10'}{}_a$ in which $R^{9'}{}_a$ and $R^{10'}{}_a$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

- Formula Va



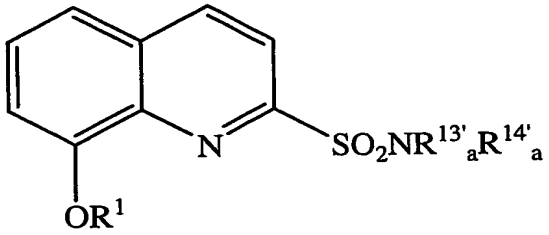
Va

in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

$R^{11}{}_a{}'$ and $R^{12}{}_a{}'$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl and optionally substituted heterocyclyl or together form optionally substituted heterocyclyl; or

- Formula VIa



VIa

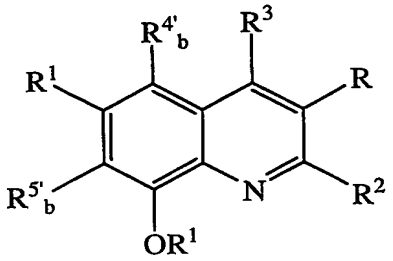
in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

$R^{13}{}_a{}'$ and $R^{14}{}_a{}'$ are either the same or different and selected from H, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkenyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl.

4. A method according to claim 2, in which the compound of the formula Ib is as follows:

- Formula IIb



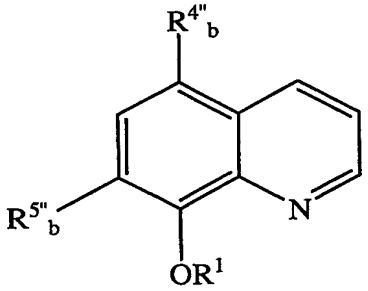
IIb

in which:

R^1, R ', R, R^2 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

$R^{4}_{b}{}'$ and $R^{5}_{a}{}'$ are as defined in formula Ib above provided that at least one is halo, including provisos (a), (c), (g), (h), (i), (o), (q) and (u) defined in claim 1;

- Formula IIIb



IIIb

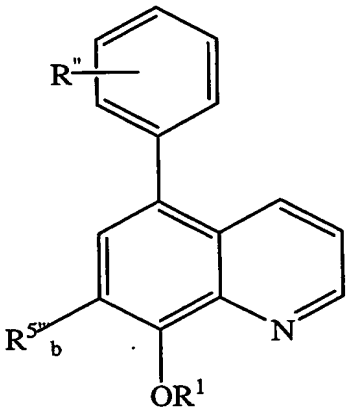
in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2;

$R^{4}_{b}{}''$ is H or halo; and

$R^{5}_{b}{}''$ is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

- Formula IVb



IVb

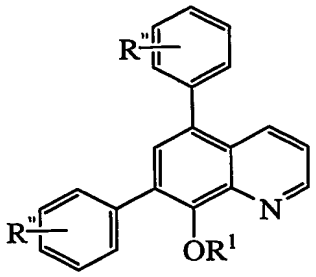
in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2;

R'' is C_{1-6} alkoxy, halo, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl or C_{1-6} haloalkyl; and

$R^5{}_b''$ is H or halo;

- Formula Vb



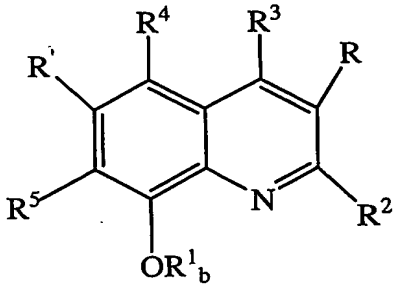
Vb

in which

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

R'' is as defined in formula IVb above; or

- Formula VIb



VIb

in which:

R^2 to R^5, R and R' are as defined in claim 1 or claim 2; and

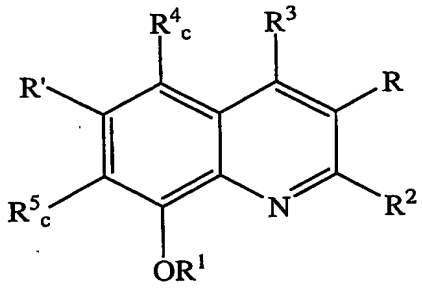
$R^1{}_b$ is optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted aryl acyl, C_{1-6} alkyl acyl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl.

5. A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 4, in which the compound of formula I is a compound of formula Ib or IIb in which $R^4{}_b$ and $R^5{}_b$ or $R^4{}_b{}'$ and $R^5{}_b{}'$ are both halo.

6. A method according to claim 5, in which the halo is chloro.

7. A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 4 to 6, in which at least one of R^2, R, R^3 and R' is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, $CH_2NR^9R^{10}$ in which R^9 and R^{10} are as defined in claim 1, COR^6 in which R^6 is NR^7R^8 in which R^7 and R^8 are as defined in claim 1 or $NR^{11}R^{12}$ in which R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined in claim 1.

8. A method for the treatment, amelioration and/or prophylaxis of a neurological condition which comprises the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula Ic:



Ic

in which

R^1, R^2, R^3, R and R' are as defined in claim 1; and

at least one of R^4_c and R^5_c is halo and the other is selected from H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted acyl, hydroxy, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted thio, optionally substituted sulphonyl, optionally substituted sulphinyl, optionally substituted sulphonylamino, SO_3H, amine, CN, CF_3, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, an antioxidant and a targeting moiety,

salts, hydrates, solvates, derivatives, pro-drugs, tautomers and/or isomers thereof with the provisos that:

(a) when R^1 to R^3, R and R' are H, then R^4_c is not chloro or iodo and R^5_c is not iodo;

(b) when R^1, R^5_c, R' and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^4_c is not bromo;

(c) when R^1, R and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^4_c and R^5_c are not chloro;

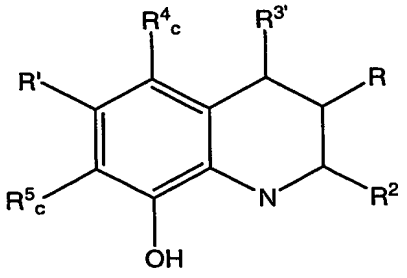
(d) when R^1, R^4_c and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2H or CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R and R^5_c are not bromo;

(e) when R^1, R, R' and R^5_c are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^4_c is not bromo; and

(f) when R^1, R and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^4_c and R^5_c are not chloro,

to a subject in need thereof.

9. A method for the treatment, amelioration and/or prophylaxis of a neurological condition which comprises the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula IIc:



IIc

in which

R^2, R, R', R^4_c and R^5_c are as defined in claim 8; and

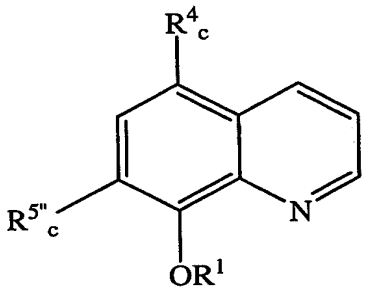
$R^{3'}$ is H, optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted alkenyl, optionally substituted alkoxy, optionally substituted acyl, optionally substituted amino, optionally substituted thio, optionally substituted sulphonyl, optionally substituted sulphinyl, optionally substituted sulphonylamino, halo, SO_3H, amine, CN, CF_3, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, an antioxidant or a targeting moiety,

with the proviso that at least one of R, R^2 and $R^{3'}$ is other than H,

salts, hydrates, solvates, derivatives, prodrugs, tautomers and/or isomers thereof, to a subject in need thereof.

10. A method according to claim 8 or claim 9, in which the compound of the formula IIc is as follows:

- Formula IIIc



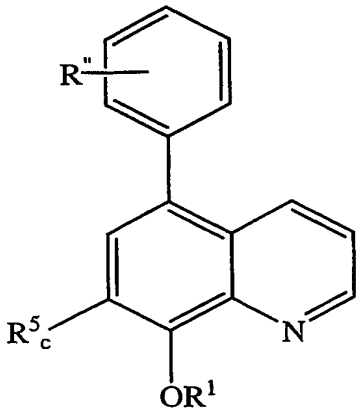
IIIc

in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1 and R^4_c is as defined in claim 8 ; and

R^5_c" is optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heterocyclyl;

- Formula IVc

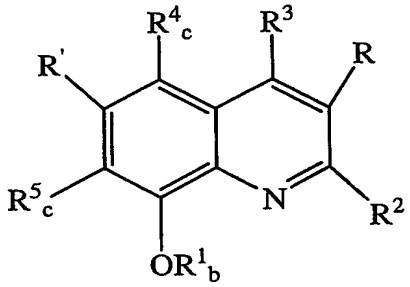


IVc

in which:

R^1 is as defined in claim 1, R^5_c is as defined in claim 8 and R" is as defined in claim 4; and

- Formula Vc



Vc

in which:

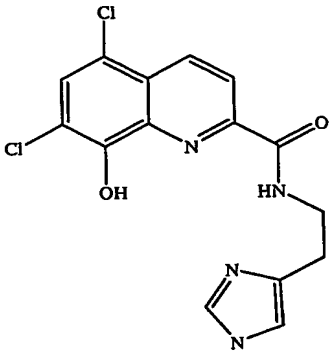
R^2, R^3, R and R' are as defined in claim 1, R^4_c and R^5_c are as defined in claim 8 and R^1_b is as defined in claim 4.

11. A method according to any one of claims 8 to 10, in which R^4_c and R^5_c are both halo.

12. A method according to claim 11, in which the halo is chloro.

13. A method according to any one of claims 8 to 12, in which at least one of R^2, R, R^3 and R' is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, $CH_2NR^9R^{10}$ in which R^9 and R^{10} are as defined in claim 1, COR^6 in which R^6 is NR^7R^8 in which R^7 and R^8 are as defined in claim 1 or $NR^{11}R^{12}$ in which R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined in claim 1.

14. A method according to any one of claims 1, 2 or 4 to 13, in which the compound is as follows:



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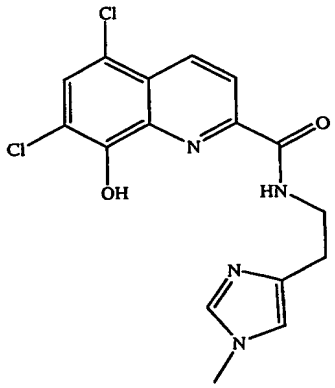

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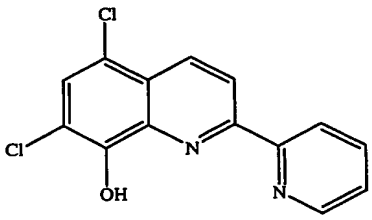

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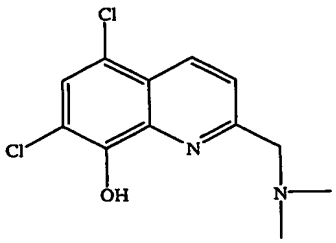

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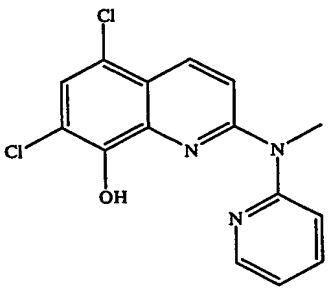

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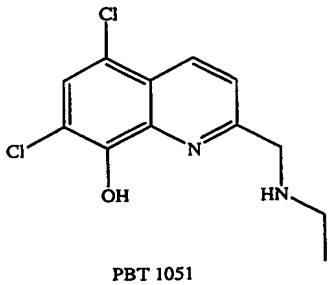

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15. A method according to any one of claims 1 to 14, in which the neurological

condition is a neurodegenerative disorder.

16. A method according to claim 15, in which the neurodegenerative disorder is neurodegenerative amyloidosis.

17. A method according to claim 15 or claim 16, in which the neurodegenerative disorder is sporadic or familial Alzheimer's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, cataract, Parkinson's disease, Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease and its new variant associated with "mad cow" disease, Huntington's disease, dementia with Lewy body formation, multiple system atrophy, Hallerboden-Spatz disease, diffuse Lewy body disease, fatal familial insomnia, Gertsmann Straussler Sheinker disease or hereditary cerebral haemorrhage with amyloidosis-Dutch type.

18. A method according to claim 17, in which the neurodgenerative disorder is Parkinson's disease.

19. A method according to any one of claims 15 to 17, in which the neurodegenerative disorder is an Aβ-related condition.

20. A method according to claim 19, in which the Aβ-related condition is Alzheimer's disease or dementia associated with Down syndrome or one of several forms of autosomal dominant forms of familial Alzheimer's disease.

21. A method according to any one of the preceding claims which slows, reduces or arrests the cognitive decline of the subject.

22. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, which further comprises separate, sequential or simultaneous administration of another medicament.

23. A method according to claim 22, in which the other medicament is an inhibitor of the acetylcholinesterase active site, an antioxidant, an anti-inflammatory agent or an oestrogenic agent.

24. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the compound is administered orally, topically or parenterally.

25. Use of the compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14, in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment, amelioration and/or prophylaxis of a neurological condition.

26. Use of a compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14 for the treatment, amelioration and/or prophylaxis of a neurological condition.

27. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14 for use in the treatment, amelioration and/or prophylaxis of a neurological condition.

28. Use of the compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14, as a pharmaceutical.

29. Use according to claim 28, in which the pharmaceutical is a neurotherapeutic or neuroprotective agent.

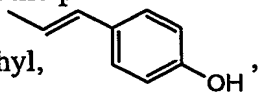
30. Use according to claim 28 or claim 29, in which the pharmaceutical is an antiamyloidogenic agent.

31. A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising the compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14 and a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier.

32. A composition according to claim 31 which further comprises another medicament.

33. A composition according to claim 32, in which the other medicament is an inhibitor of the acetylcholinesterase active site, an antioxidant, an anti-inflammatory agent or an oestrogenic agent.

34. A compound as defined in any one of claims 1 to 7, with the provisos that:

(a) when R^1 and R^3 to R^5, R and R' are H, then R^2 is not H, methyl,  ,

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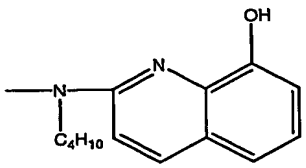

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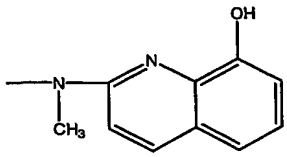
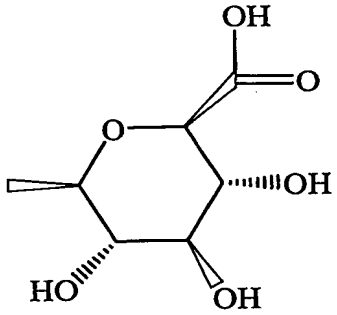


or SO_3H;

(b) when R^1 and R^4 to R^7 are H, then R^3 is not OH and R^2 is not CO_2H;

(c) when R^1 to R^3, R^6 and R^7 are H, then (i) when R^5 is I, R^4 is not Cl, SO_3H or I; (ii) when R^5 is H, R^4 is not SO_3H, NH_2 or Cl; (iii) R^4 and R^5 are both not Cl, Br or CH_3; and (iv) when R^2 to R^7 are H, then R^1 is not



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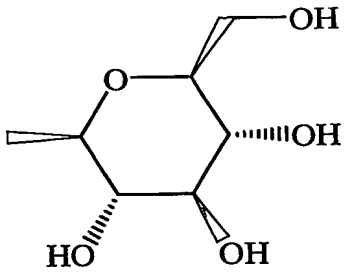
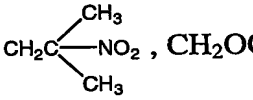


(d) when R1 to R^3, R and R' are H, then R^4 is not Cl or I and R^5 is not I;

(e) when R1 to R^3, R, R' and R^5 are H, then R^4 is not CHO, $CHOHCCl_3$,



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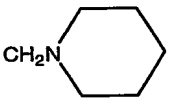

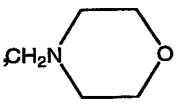

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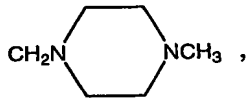

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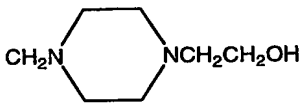

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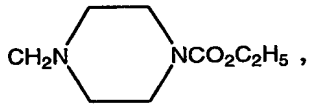

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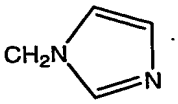

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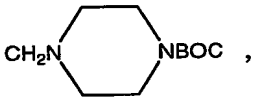

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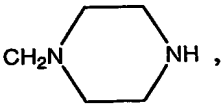

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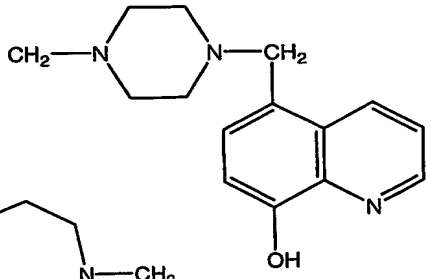

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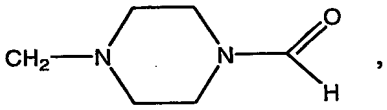

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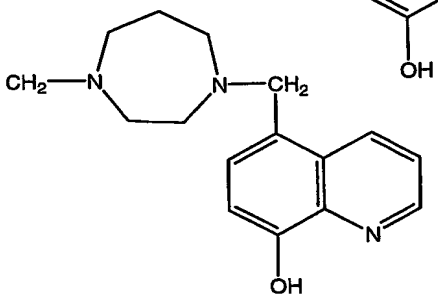

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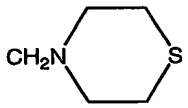

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(f) when R^1, R^5, R' and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^4 is not bromo, methyl, phenyl, hydroxymethyl or trifluoromethyl;

(g) when R^1, R^4, R^5 and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R' is not bromo, iodo, methyl, phenyl, propyl, phenethyl, heptyl, benzylaminomethyl, 3-aminopropyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, pyridin-3-yl, furo-2-yl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl or piperidin-2-yl;

(h) when R^1, R^4, R and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^5 is not phenyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, phenethyl, 3-aminoprop-1-yl or hex-1-yl;

(i) when R^1, R^4, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R is not N-morpholinomethyl, bromo or phenyl;

(j) when R^1, R and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R^4 and R^5 are not chloro;

(k) when R^1, R^4 and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R and R^5 are not bromo;

(l) when R^1, R, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^4 is not hydroxymethyl, phenyl or bromo;

(m) when R^1, R, R^4 and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R' is not 4-methoxyphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, pyridin-3-yl, benzyl, bromo, 4-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-hydroxypropyl or 3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropyl;

(n) when R^1, R, R^4 and R' are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^5 is not phenyl or 3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminoprop-1-yl;

(o) when R^1, R, R^4, R' and R^5 are H and R^2 is CO_2Me, then R^3 is not toluene-4-sulphonylamino, piperazin-1-yl, morpholin-1-yl, piperidin-1-yl, 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl, 3-benzoylaminoprop-1-yl, phenethyl, 3-tert-butoxycarbonylaminopropyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, amino or hex-1-yl;

(p) when R^1, R^4, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Na and R^3 is OH, then R is not phenyl;

(q) when R^1, R, R^4, R' and R^5 are H and R^2 is CO_2H, then R^3 is not phenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, phenethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, amino, morpholin-1-yl, piperidin-1-yl, 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl, toluene-4-sulphonylamino, 3-benzoylaminoprop-1-yl, aminoprop-1-ynyl, hex-1-yl, 5-hydroxypent-1-yl, piperazin-1-yl or 2-(1-piperazinyl)pyrimidinyl;

(r) when R^1, R' and R are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R^4 and R^5 are not chloro;

(s) when R^1, R^4, R' and R^5 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R is not bromo;

(t) when R^1, R' and R^4 are H, R^2 is CO_2Me and R^3 is OH, then R and R^5 are not bromo;

(u) when R^1, R, R^3, R' and R^5 are H and R^2 is CO_2H, then R^4 is not phenyl, 4-

chlorophenyl or phenylethyl;

(v) when R^1, R^5, R', R^4, R^3 and R are H, then R^2 is not 2H-tetrazol-1-yl;

(w) when R^1, R^5, R^4 and R are H, R^2 is CO_2H and R^3 is OH, then R' is not 3,5-dichlorophenyl or 4-fluorophenyl; and

(x) at least one of R^1 to R^5, R and R' is other than H;

(y) when R^1 to R^3, R^5, R' and R are H, then R^4 is not chloro, NH_2 or SO_3H; and

(z) when R^1, R^3 to R^5, R and R' are H, then R^2 is not CH_3.

35. A compound of formula Ic as defined in claim 8, with the additional provisos that:

(g) when R^1 to R^3, R and R' are H, then R^4_c and R^5_c are both not chloro or bromo; and

(h) when R^1 to R^3, R^5_c, R and R' are H, then R^4_c is not chloro.

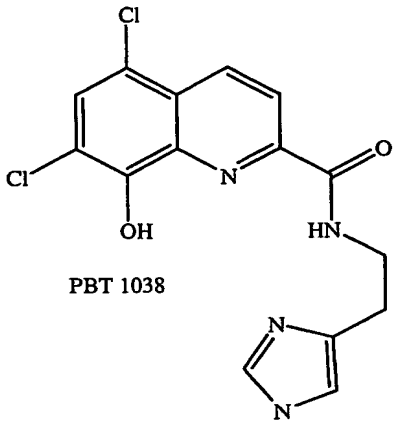
36. A compound of formula IIc as defined in claim 9.

37. A compound according to claim 35 or claim 36 in which R^4_c and R^5_c are both halo.

38. A compound according to claim 37, in which the halo is chloro.

39. A compound according to any one of claims 35 to 38, in which at least one of R^2, R, R^3 and R' is optionally substituted alkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heterocyclyl, $CH_2NR^9R^{10}$ in which R^9 and R^{10} are as defined in claim 1, COR^6 in which R^6 is NR^7R^8 in which R^7 and R^8 are as defined in claim 1 or $NR^{11}R^{12}$ in which R^{11} and R^{12} are as defined in claim 1.

40. A compound according to any one of claims 34 to 39, which is as follows:



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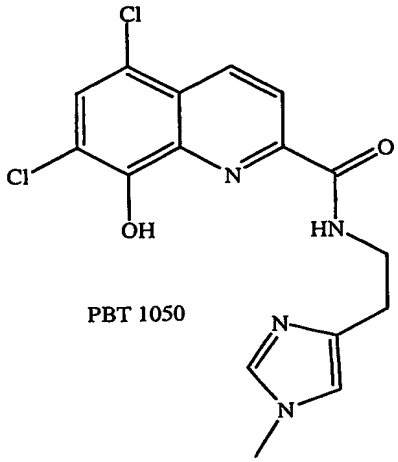

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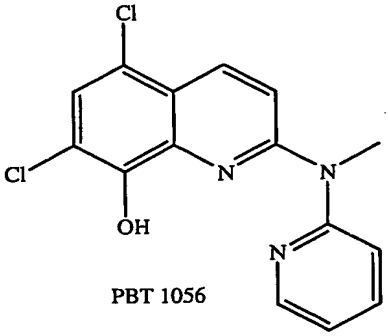

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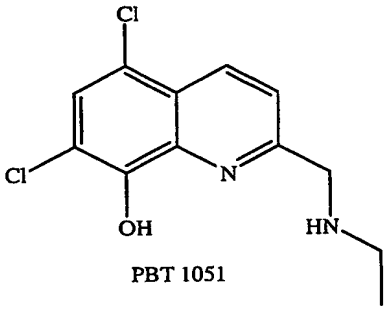

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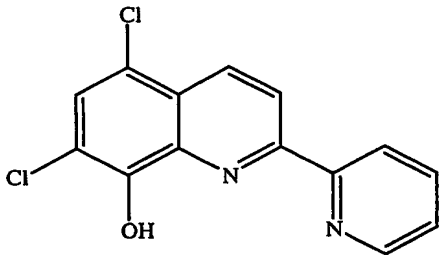

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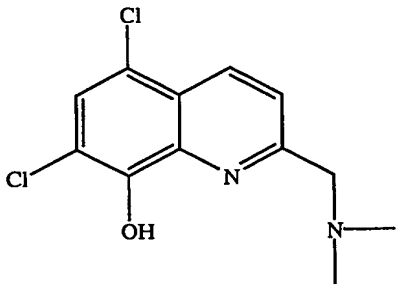

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41. A process for the preparation of the compound as defined in any one of claims 34 to 40 as described herein.